

## **Azmin: No need for Selangor govt reshuffle to exclude PAS**

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### **Selangor Menteri Besar says voters made their pick and mandate for parties currently forming the state government is for one term.**

SHAH ALAM: Selangor Menteri Besar Azmin Ali has dismissed a call by Amanah Youth for the state's leadership line-up to be reshuffled after the PAS muktamar (general assembly) resolved to terminate its cooperation with PKR on April 30.

The PKR deputy president today said voters in the last general election in May 2013 had chosen PAS as well as DAP and PKR to jointly form the state government.

"They made the selection, not me," he said, referring to the 15 assemblymen from PAS, 15 from DAP and 14 from PKR who won state seats.

"The mandate is for one term.

"When it comes to the next term, we will leave it to the voters again," he said, adding that the government was not formed based on parties but on the majority support in the state assembly.

He said this to reporters on the sidelines of an event at the Shah Alam Convention Centre here.

Amanah Deputy Youth chief Shazni Munir Mohd Ithnin was quoted earlier today as saying that a reshuffle was needed to solidify the collaboration among PKR, DAP, Amanah and PPBM as components in Pakatan Harapan in Selangor.

He said it would also prevent the state from falling into the hands of Barisan Nasional.

Azmin said he was willing to meet PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang to resolve the differences between PKR and the Islamist party.

"We must have the humility to sit down and hold discussions. There are differences, but I think they can be resolved through discussions."

The PAS muktamar made an unanimous decision on April 30 to break the "tahaluf siyasi" (political cooperation) with PKR. The decision however is to be discussed by the PAS Syura Council, the party's highest decision-making body, for endorsement before it can be implemented.

On April 28, PKR secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution called on PAS to vacate the Selangor administration if the party decided to cut ties with PKR.

PAS has three state executive councillors — Iskandar Abdul Samad, Ahmad Yunus Hairi and Zaidy Abdul Talib — and numerous city and municipal councillors at the local government level.

Selangor deputy speaker Shafie Ngah is also a PAS member.

Iskandar, who was dropped by the party's leadership as its state commissioner on May 6, said yesterday that PAS will remain in the state government under Azmin.

On May 5, a number of PAS assemblymen had shown their solidarity with Azmin by joining a crowd of supporters to welcome him upon his return from a working trip to the Middle East at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA).

PAS has been a member of the Selangor government since the 2008 general election when it was part of a united opposition, that also included PKR and DAP, which wrested the state from BN.

The three opposition parties then formed the Pakatan Rakyat coalition which retained hold over the state in the 2013 general election.

Following breakaways and crossovers, PKR currently has 12 seats in the Selangor assembly, with DAP having 14, PAS 13, Amanah two, BN 12 and two independents.

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